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SUBJ: CABLE APPLICATIONS AFFECTING VENEZUELA

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1. CONTENTS OF REF (A) COMPRISE AN ACCURATE STATEMENT OF VENEZUELAN CONCERN REGARDING FATE OF CABLE APPLICATIONS AFFECTING THE COUNTRY. DEGREE OF GOV CONCERN REGARDING THIS MATTER CAN BE JUDGED BY FACT THAT MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS CHOSE TO CONCENTRATE HIS DISCUSSION WITH EGER'S PARTY ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY TO SUBJECT OF CABLE APPLICATIONS AND INSTRUCTED HIS STAFF AND CANTV STAFF TO PURSUE SUBJECT IN FURTHER DISCUSSIONS.

2. EMBASSY APPRECIATES THAT CABLE APPLICATIONS ARE DETAILED AND COMPLEX AND PERHAPS NOT EASILY HANDLED BY PERSONS WITHOUT APPROPRIATE BACKGROUND. SUGGEST, THEREFORE, THAT FCC MAY WISH TO SEND REPRESENTATIVE TO DISCUSS MATTER WITH VENEZUELAN OFFICIALS.

3. GOV IS ATTEMPTING TO DEVELOP ITS INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES IN MANNER DESIGNED TO COPE WITH RECORD BREAKING INCREASE IN DEMAND. TIMELY APPROVAL OF CABLE APPLICATIONS WOULD ENHANCE GOV POTENTIAL FOR ACHIEVING DEVELOPMENT GOALS. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY EFFORTS FCC MIGHT MAKE TOWARDS PRIORITY TREATMENT OF CABLE APPLICATIONS AFFECTING VENEZUELA.
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